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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): A method for identifying agents which increase functional cell surface expression of a mutant cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) protein comprising:

(a) exposing cells transfected with a genetic construct to an anthracycline, wherein the genetic construct comprises a cDNA encoding a mutant human CFTR protein having a deletion of the phenylalanine at amino acid position 508 (Δ F508) and a cDNA of an EGFP reporter gene linked at the 5' end to the cDNA encoding the mutant human CFTR protein and wherein said cDNAs are under the regulation of the proximal human CFTR promoter region;

(b) measuring CFTR expression or activity levels or trafficking of CFTR to the cell membrane in the exposed cells; and

(c) comparing measured CFTR expression levels or activity or trafficking of CFTR to the cell membrane in the exposed cells to CFTR expression or activity levels or trafficking of CFTR to the cell membrane in cells not exposed to the anthracycline, wherein an increase in CFTR expression or activity levels or trafficking of CFTR to the cell membrane in the exposed cells as